GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER SCP AND TSP
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been implementing various schemes and programmes under Special Component Plan (SCP) and TSP since 1978 for achieving overall development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes majority of whom live below poverty line;

(b) if so, indicate the schemes/programmes formulated/being implemented by Ministry of Agro and Rural Industriesunder SCP and TSP since their commencementspecifying nature, scope and target groups thereof as stipulated in letter No. 280-PMO/80 dated March 12, 1980 from the Prime Minister`s Office addressed to this Ministryamong other Ministries/Organisations while commencing SCP/TSP;

(c) amount of funds requisitioned and procured by his Ministry during VIth, VIIth, VIIIth, and Ninth Five Year Plans for such schemes/programmes;

(d) quantified benefits and targets achieved in this regard; and

(e) any other Scheme/Programme being implemented by the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries for enhancing employment opportunities/empowerment of SCs and STs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a), (b) and (e): The schemes and programmes of the Ministry of Agro & Rural Industries are promotional in nature and are intended to accelerate the growth of Agro & Rural Industries in the country. The schemes are uniformly applicable for all entrepreneurs including members of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). Some of the schemes/programmes are :

(i) Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) - To make available institutional finance to educated unemployed youth belonging to economically weaker sections for setting up self-employment ventures.

(ii) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) - To provide margin money to rural entrepreneurs for setting up viable Village Industries projects.

(iii) Training of artisans - In spinning of Coir yarn on motorised ratts.

(iv) Mahila Coir Yojana - To provide financial assistance @ 75% of the financial cost of motorised ratts subject to a maximum of Rs. 7500/-.

(v) Welfare Measures - To provide production linked welfare infrastructural support to the workers in the coir producing areas preferably to the members of the SC/ST communities.

(c): Funds are requisitioned for the whole scheme/programme and not separately for SCP & TSP component of the scheme.

(d): The targets achieved for SCs and STs under the various schemes are :

(i) Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) - 95.4 thousand educated unemployed youth have been provided financial assistance from April 1997 to March, 2001.

(ii) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) - 20,901 beneficiaries have set up projects under the programme. A sum of Rs. 44.07 crores has been provided as Margin Money.

(iii) Training of Artisans - 2199 workers have been trained from April 1997 to 30th November, 2001.

(iv) Mahila Coir Yojana - 1909 workers have been assisted from April 1997 to 30th Novermber, 2001.

(v) Welfare Measures - 77 Villages have been assisted from April 1997 to 30th November, 2001.